

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒   
no ☐

Property Name: Bridge No. 16001 Inventory Number: PG:LAU-24  
Address: US 1 over Patuxent River City: Laurel Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: Prince Georges USGS Topographic Map: Laurel  
Owner: State Highway Administration Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes  
Tax Parcel Number: n/a Tax Map Number: n/a Tax Account ID Number: n/a  
Project: PG437B21 Agency: SHA  
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property is located within a historic district ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None  
Documentation on the property/district is presented in ☐ Compliance files

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination** (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

Bridge No. 16001 carries northbound US 1 over the Patuxent River just north of Laurel, Maryland. It is located just outside the Laurel Historic District. Bridge No. 16001 is a simple three span steel beam bridge designed in 1946 and constructed in 1949 when US 001 was dualized. The southbound bridge (Bridge No. 16002) replaced an earlier single arched bridge in 1970.

Bridge No. 16001 consists of three spans that are 65', 85' and 65'. Bridge No. 16001 features an open ornamental metal and concrete balustrade along both sides. This railing is a unique design featuring metal pickets of alternating lengths and a circular motif (It was noted that some pickets were missing). The railing is considered to be a character defining element and has not been altered or replaced.

A review of other steel beam bridges in Maryland revealed that Bridge No. 16001 is similar to at least two other bridges built in the 1940's. They are Bridge No. 4011 over Fishing Creek in Calvert County (CT-1187) and Bridge No. 6035 over Big Pipe Creek in Carroll County (CARR-1485). Both of these steel beam bridges have metal ornamental railings and have been determined eligible for the NRHP by the Maryland Historical Trust

According to the State Highway Administration's Office of Bridge Design, a temporary scour countermeasure repair

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None  
MHT Comments

John VanLumm ✓  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Service

12/21/03

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Reviewer, NR Program

12/31/03

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was done in 1994 which included sheet piling and rip rap around the north abutment and north pier. No major rehabilitation has occurred on this structure.

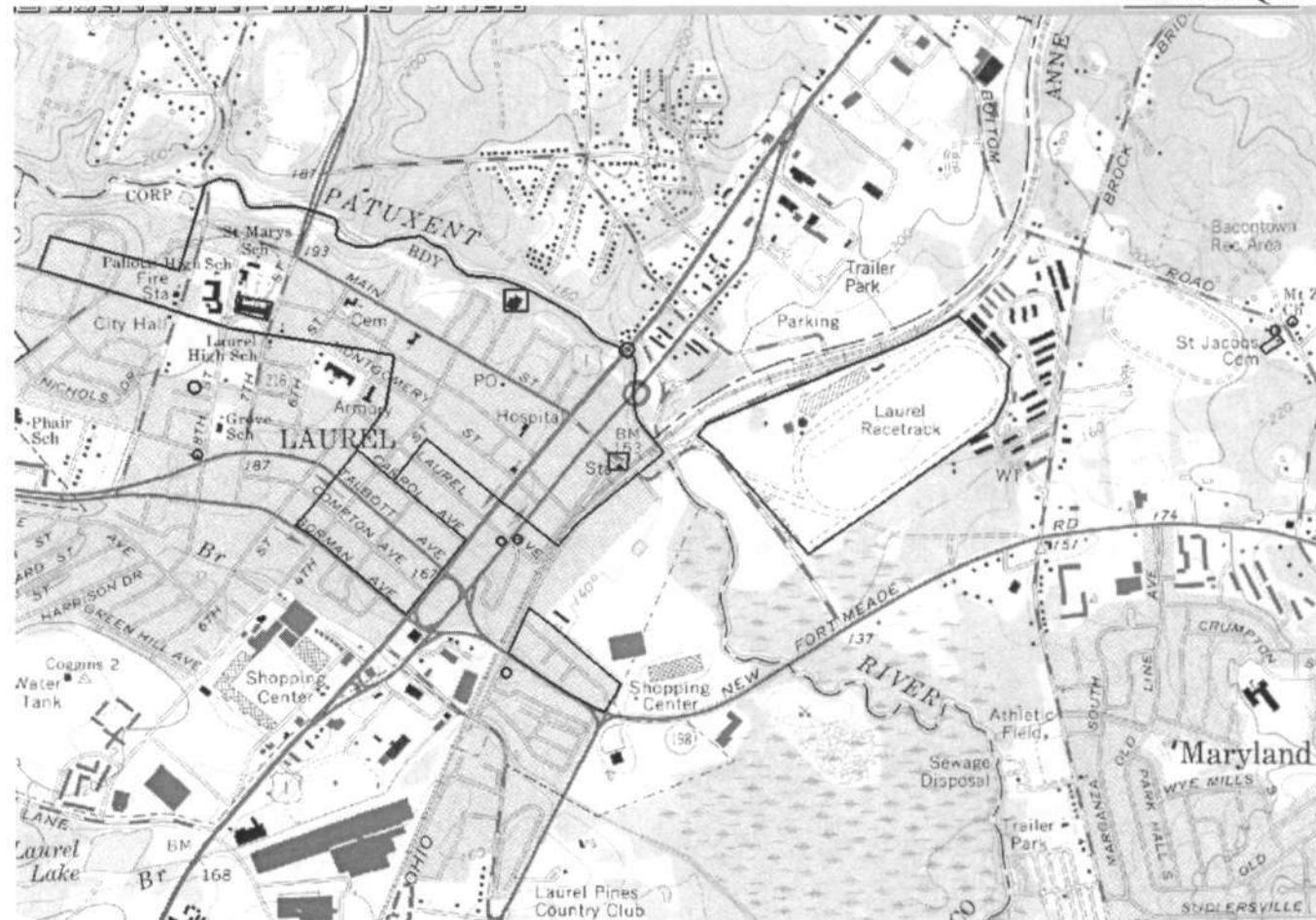
Bridge No. 16001 is a significant example of its type because of its ornamental metal railing and the fact that it has remained relatively intact, retaining its original structural elements and integrity. Bridge 16001 is one of only a few bridges that still retain decorative metal railings that were popular design features during the 1930's-1950's. Therefore, Bridge No. 16001 is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

Bridge No. 16001 is not known to be associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local, state or national history (Criterion A). Bridge No. 16001 is not known to be associated with the lives of persons significant in the local, state, or national past (criterion B). Finally, the property is not being evaluated under Criterion D.

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Bridge No. 16001  
US 1 over Patuxent River  
Laurel Vicinity  
Laurel Quad





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Bridge 1600!

US 1 over Patuxent (AB)

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Looking at East Side of Bridge

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Bridge 16001

US 1 over Patuxent (NB)

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Looking SB

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Bridge 16001

US 1 over Patuxent (NB)

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Looking at East side of Bridge

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Bridge 16001

US 1 over Patuxent (WB)

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Looking S at end post

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Bridge 16001

US 1 over Patuxent (NB)

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Looking ~~at~~ railing on West side of Bridge

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Bridge 16001

us 1 over Patuxent (NB)

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Looking NB.

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